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GLOBAL FUND FOR HIV /AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has entered into an agreement with the Global Fund of Switzerland to fight against HIV/ AIDS as reported in the 'Hindustan' dated December 21, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the terms and conditions of the said agreement; and

(d) the achievement made so far as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The programme grant agreement has been signed between the Government of India and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) on 20-12-07 for the phase-II of Round IV which will end in August, 2010 under this project, antiretroviral treatment is being provided to HIV/AIDS infected persons in 6 high prevalence states and NCT Delhi. Under this agreement financial grant of US $ 122,668,637 will be received from GFATM to establish 78 new ART centres, including 10 centres in the corporate sector. Approximately 84.7 lakh persons will be screened and 1.8 lakh PLHAs will be provided treatment at the ART centres. Facilities for CD4 testing will be made available at 188 ART centres in a phased manner. Medical, nursing, counselors, lab technicians and other health personnel working in the ART centres will be trained.

(c) The terms and conditions of the said agreement are:

(i) Funding is consistent with the funding policies that may be set by the Global Fund Board;

(ii) No Grant fund shall be used to finance any customs duties, tariffs, import taxes, or other similar levies and taxes associated with the import, manufacture, or sale of products or commodities, or the procurement of services for the programme;

(iii) The Auditor shall be the Comptroller and Auditor General of the Government of India;

(iv) The Global Fund shall consult the Country Coordinating Mechanism prior to selecting a new entity to serve as LFA.

(v) The Global Fund and the Principal Recipient commit to use their best efforts to resolve any issues related to procurement under the programme in a collaborative fashion;

(vi) The National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will be the implementing agency for the purposes of this Agreement.

(d) GFATM Round IV covers 6 high prevalent States (Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland) and NCT Delhi. Under Phase I (September 2005-September, 2007) of GFATM Round IV, 105 ART centres have been established. The total PLHAs covered under ART in these centres were 79,390 as against target of 59,007 and 215,698 episodes of opportunistic infections were treated against the target of 2,37,559 during Phase I. A total of 51 health care facilities with laboratory capacity to conduct CD4 counts have been established. 1129 services providers including doctors, counselors, lab. technicians, data entry operators have been trained in counseling, technical and attitudinal areas. 4,068,929 persons were counseled and tested for HIV in high prevalence States and NCT Delhi during phase I of GFATM Round IV. Three operational research studies have also been undertaken.